

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this preliminary amendment be entered prior to initial examination on the merits. By the foregoing amendment, claims 1-26 have been cancelled and claims 27-42 are pending. If any additional fees are required in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 501458.

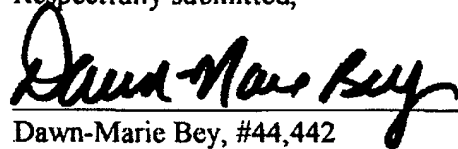
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